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SUBJECT: US - SINGAPORE CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

1. FIRST MEETING OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS ON JANUARY 19 QUICKLY GOT TO CENTRAL DIFFERENCE, NAMELY RIGHTS FOR SINGAPORE AIRLINES TO OPERATE TO HONOLULU AND U.S. WEST COAST VIA JAPAN. USDEL EXPLAINED WHY, IN LIGHT U.S. INTEREST IN WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY A THIRD/FOURTH FREEDOM ROUTE TO SINGAPORE, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR U.S. TO CONSIDER GIVING SINGAPOR A ROUTE TO U.S. WHICH INCLUDED LARGEST TRANSPACIFIC MARKET, I.E. JAPAN - U.S. SINGAPORE DEL ASKED IF U.S. COULD NOT INCREASE ITS ROUTE REQUEST BASED ON FEASIBLE FUTURE REQUIREMENTS. WE REPLIED THAT USG WAS NOT TAKING A PRAGMATIC VIEW AND DID NOT WISH TO SEEK RIGHTS IT COULD NOT FORSEE USING. INSTEAD, WE SUGGESTED SINGAPORE REDUCE ITS ROUTE DEMANDS BY DELETING JAPAN FROM ITS REQUEST. SINGAPORE DEL INSISTED THAT ROUTE WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE JAPAN WAS NOT VIABLE. IT OFFERED INSTEAD TO CONSIDER OTHER LIMITATIONS (FEWER OTHER INTERMEDIATE POINTS, NOT BEYOND TO CANADA, FREQUENCY LIMITATIONS, DEFERRAL OF ROUTE IMPLEMENTATION) IF U.S. WOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE JAPAN. WE SAID WE WOULD CONSIDER SUCH FEASIBILITIES IF SINGAPORE WITHDREW JAPAN REQUEST. ON THIS PROCEDURAL AND

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TACTICAL STALEMATE, MEETING ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY.

2. BEFORE ADJOURNING, HOWEVER, SINGAPORE DEL SAID SINGAPORE AIRLINES PLANNED FILE APPLICATION FOR FREIGHTER SERVICE TO U.S. VIA SOME INTERMEDIATE POINT OR POINTS (APPARENTLY EXCLUDING JAPAN). IT RECALLED PROVISION IN JULY 1974 MEMO OF CONSULTATION, BUT SAID IT RAISING THIS MATTER ONLY TO MAKE IT CLEAR USG UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH APPLICATION WAS RECIPROCITY FOR PANAM'S FREIGHTER SERVICE TO SINGAPORE AND WAS SEPARATE FROM QUESTION COMBINATION SERVICES. WE NOTED THAT 1974 MEMO DID NOT ANTICIPATE FIFTH FREEDOM CARGO RIGHTS TO SINGAPORE. HOWEVER, WHEN WE ASKED WHETHER SINGAPORE DEL WANTED DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER AT THESE CONSULTATIONS, IT SAID NO, IT WAS MERELY INFORMING US. WE DID NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER BUT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO LATER IN ORDER ASSURE MISUNDERSTANDING DOES NOT ARISE AFTER TALKS END.
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